

2018

DELAWARE ELECTION CALENDAR

10/19/2017

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| DATE | EVENT | Title 15 Reference |
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| November 9, 2016 | The Department of Elections' Offices begin to accept applications for absentee ballots for the 2018 Primary and General Elections from uniformed services members and citizens living outside the U.S. | 5518(a) |
| November 9, 2016 through May 25, 2018 | Registered voters may change their political party affiliation. | 2049(a) |
| January 1, 2018 | The Department of Elections' Offices begin to accept applications for absentee ballots for the 2018 Primary and General Elections from regular absentee voters. | 5503(d)(4) |
| January 1, 2018 through July 15, 2018 | Persons running as unaffiliated with a political party can begin to circulate petitions and have them executed. | 3002(d) |
| January 22, 2018 by 4:30 p.m. | DEADLINE for all candidates and committees to file the 2017 Year-End Campaign Finance report. | 8030(c)(1) |
| March 2, 2018 | DEADLINE for School Board candidates to file. | Title 14 1075(a) |
| May 4, 2018 | Last day the Department of Elections' Offices must mail absentee ballots for School Board Elections. | Title 14 1086(b)(2) |
| May 7, 2018 at 12 Noon | Last time the Department of Elections' Offices can issue absentee ballots for School Board Elections. | Title 14 1086(b)(3) |
| May 8, 2018 | School Board Elections Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. | Title 14 1072(c) |
| May 8, 2018 at 8 p.m. | DEADLINE for voters to return voted School Board absentee ballots to the Department of Elections Office that issued them. | Title 14 1086(b)(4) |
| May 10, 2018 Sussex 10 a.m. Kent 12 Noon New Castle 2 p.m. | Certification of the School Board results by each of the Department of Elections' Offices. | Title 14 1083(a) |
| May 14, 2018 Sussex 10 a.m. Kent 12 Noon New Castle 2 p.m. | Deadline for 25 or more persons who voted in a school board election to request a recompilation of the results in accordance with the cited section of the Delaware Code. | Title 14 1083(e) |
| May 25, 2018 | DEADLINE for voters to change political party affiliation before the Primary Election. | 2049 |
| July 1, 2018 | DEADLINE for major political party chairpersons to set filing fees. | 3103(b) & (c) |

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| July 10, 2018 at 12 Noon | DEADLINE for candidates to file for a Statewide Office with the State Election Commissioner and for all other offices with the Department of Elections. | 3101(1) 3106 |
| July 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. | DEADLINE for filed candidates to withdraw or file for a different office without forfeiting filing fees. | 3101(2) 3101(4) |
| July 15, 2018 | Last day unaffiliated candidates can circulate petitions. | 3002(d) |
| August 1, 2018 | DEADLINE for Minor Parties to select candidates at their state or county nominating convention. | 3301(e) |
| Within 10 business days of Minor Party Convention | DEADLINE for a Minor Party to file certificates of nomination for the candidates nominated at their convention to the State Election Commissioner for statewide offices and to the Department of Elections for all other offices. | 3301(e) |
| August 7, 2018 at 12 Midnight | Campaign Finance 30-Day Primary Report period ends for candidates on the Primary ballot and all other committees. | 8030(b)(2) |
| August 9, 2018 by 4:30 p.m. | DEADLINE for Primary candidates and all other committees to file the 30-Day Primary Report. | 8030(c)(2) |
| August 11, 2018 | DEADLINE for unregistered citizens to register to vote before the Primary Election. | 2036 |
| August 16, 2018 | DEADLINE for Minor Parties to have the required number of registered voters to qualify to put candidates on the General Election Ballot. | 3001 |
| August 20, 2018 | DEADLINE for unregistered uniformed service members and citizens living outside the U.S. to register to vote before the Primary Election. | 1902(c) |
| August 29, 2018 at 12 Midnight | Campaign Finance 8-Day Primary Report period ends for candidates on the Primary ballot and all other committees. | 8030(b)(3) |
| August 31, 2018 by 4:30 p.m. | DEADLINE for Primary candidates and all other committees to file the 8-Day Primary Report. | 8030(c)(3) |
| September 1, 2018 | Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections. | 304(d) |
| September 4, 2018 | Last day the Department of Elections' Offices must mail Primary Election absentee ballots. | 5504(b) |
| September 4, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. | DEADLINE for unaffiliated candidates to submit sworn declaration of non-affiliation and nominating petitions. | 3002(b) |

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| September 4, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. | DEADLINE for Major Party officials to file Certificates of Nomination for candidates for offices for which no member of their party has filed for Statewide Office with the State Election Commissioner and for all other offices with the Department of Elections. | 3303 |
| September 5, 2018 at 12 Noon | The last time that the Department of Elections' Offices can issue absentee ballots for the Primary Election. | 5503(a) |
| September 6, 2018 | <p style="margin: 0;">Primary Election</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Only registered voters from participating parties may vote.</p> | <p>3101(3) 3104</p> |
| September 6, 2018 at 8 p.m. | DEADLINE for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the Primary Election to the Department of Elections' Office that issued them. | 5508(b) |
| September 7, 2018 | Registered voters may change their Political Party affiliation. | 2049(a) |
| September 12, 2018 at 10 a.m., | DEADLINE to report any objection or dispute relating to the Primary Election to the Department of Elections' Office in the county where the problem occurred. | 3172(b) |
| September 12, 2018 Sussex at 10 a.m. Kent at 12 Noon New Castle at 2 p.m. | Certification of the Primary Election by the Department of Elections. | 3172(b) |
| October 1, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. | DEADLINE for people to file a Write In Candidate Declaration Form for Statewide Offices with the State Election Commissioner and for all other offices with the Department of Elections. | 3402(c) |
| October 7, 2018 at 12 Midnight | Campaign Finance 30-Day General Report period ends for candidates on the General Election ballot and all other committees. | 8030(b)(2) |
| October 9, 2018 by 4:30 p.m. | DEADLINE for General Election candidates and all other committees to file the 30-Day General Report. | 8030(c)(2) |
| October 13, 2018 | <p style="margin: 0;">DEADLINE for unregistered citizens to register to vote before the General Election.</p> | <p>2036</p> |
| October 22, 2018 | <p style="margin: 0;">DEADLINE for uniformed services members and citizens living outside the U.S. to register to vote before the General Election.</p> | <p>1902(c)</p> |

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| October 29, 2018 at 12 Midnight | Campaign Finance 8-Day General Report period ends for all candidates on the General Election ballot and all other committees. | 8030(b)(3) |
| October 31, 2018 by 4:30 p.m. | DEADLINE for all candidates on the General Election ballot and all other committees to file the 8-Day General Report. | 8030(c)(3) |
| November 2, 2018 | Last day the Department of Elections' Offices must mail absentee ballots for the General Election. | 5504(b) |
| November 3, 2018 | Supplemental Poll Lists are available to principal political parties from the Department of Elections. | 304(d) |
| November 5, 2018 at 12 Noon | The last time that the Department of Elections' Offices can issue absentee ballots for the General Election. | 5503(a) |
| November 6, 2018 | General Election Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. | State Constitution ART V |
| November 6, 2018 at 8 p.m. | DEADLINE for voters to return voted absentee ballots for the General Election to the Department of Elections' Office that issued them. | 5508(b) |
| November 8, 2018 at 10 a.m. | Board of Canvass meets in Superior Court to certify the results of the General Election. | State Constitution ART V §6 |
| December 31, 2018 at 12 Midnight | Campaign Finance Year-End Report; period ends for all candidates and committees. | 8030(b)(1) |
| January 22, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. | DEADLINE for all candidates and committees to file the 2018 Year-End Campaign Finance report. | 8030(c)(1) |